

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3, 6, 8 to 10, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24 to 31, and 63 to 74 as amended and new Claims 75 and 76 are present for purposes of prosecution.

Reconsideration of the rejection of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 28 to 30 and 63 have been allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 6, that is in Claim 1, Z is defined as in objected to Claim 6.

New Claim 75 is the same as Claim 1 except that Claim 75 includes the subject matter of Claim 9, that is in Claim 75 the R¹ heteroaryl group is substituted as defined in Claim 9.

Claim 2 has been made dependent on Claim 75.

Claim 22 has been amended to correct errors therein.

Claim 24 has been made dependent on Claim 1.

Claim 64 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 6, that is in Claim 64, Z is defined as in objected to Claim 6.

Claim 73 has been amended to correct a formula therein.

Claim 76 has been made dependent on Claim 75.

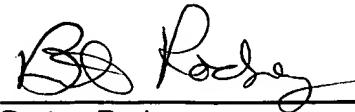
Claim 75 defines R¹ as being substituted with one to five substituents as defined in Claim 9.

In addition, Claims 1 and 64 have been amended to delete the objected to term "including" in the last line thereof.

In view of the above amendments, it is believed that Claims 1 to 3, 8, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 31, 64, 66, 70, 71 and 73 are patentable over Farina et al. All of the claims as now present either define Z as defined in Claim 6 or define R¹ as defined in Claim 9. The so-amended claims are clearly patentable over the Farina et al. reference which fails to disclose or suggest Applicants' compounds as now claimed.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that Claims 1 to 3, 6, 8, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24 to 31 and 63 to 76 overcome all formal objections and define patentable compounds and therefore are in condition of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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